

## Montgomery Cares Advisory Board

### May 23, 2018 Meeting Notes

**MCAB Members Present:** Julia Doherty, Stephen Gammarino, Lynda Honberg, Peter Lowet, Agnes Saenz

**MCAB Members Absent:** Sean Bailey, Betsy Ballard, Dr. Travis Gayles, Sybil Greenhut, Marie Mann, Mayur Mody, T.J. Senker, Langston Smith

**DHHS Staff:** Magda Brown, Tara Clemons, LaSonya Kelly, Paola Fernan-Zegarra

**County Council Staff:** Linda McMillan

**Primary Care Coalition:** Marisol Ortiz, Rose Botchway

**Guest:** Chunfu Liu, Sara Safi, Diana Saladani *on behalf of T.J. Senker*, Wayne Swann

The Chair, Stephen Gammarino called the meeting to order at 6:25pm

| Item |  | Action Follow-up | Person Assigned | Due Date |
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| 1.   | <p><b>Approval of Minutes – February 28, March 28, and April 2018</b></p> <p>February, March and April minutes approval moved to June 27, 2018 meeting due to lack of quorum.</p>  | Steve Gammarino  | MCAB Members    | 06/27/18 |
| 2.   | <p><b>Chair Report</b></p> <p>Steve highlighted the agenda items and noted that Dr. Chunfu Liu would be presenting the County’s first Status of Health Report.</p> <p>The Council published the final reconciliation list and funding was added to Montgomery Cares and Care for Kids. Steve requested that Linda M. provide general information on the Council’s FY19 budgetary process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Linda shared that Council was constrained given the tight budget. There was a large reconciliation list and Council was especially concerned about the proposed Fire and Rescue reductions. Cutting Fire and Rescue would have impacted response times which are critical in the time of an emergency. With revenues down, Council members had multiple priority items and made difficult decisions.</li> </ul> <p>Steve shared that the joint advocates are working on a letter to thank Council members. Members continued discussion of the budgetary challenges and the Health Care for the Uninsured programs.</p> | Steve Gammarino  |                 |          |

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| <p>3. <b>Health Care for the Uninsured Report</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tara Clemons</b></span><br/> See Report and handout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tara noted that MCAB’s recommendations on the Health Care for the Homeless program were included in the April 30<sup>th</sup> HHS Committee session. The HHS Committee agreed to place \$20,000 on the reconciliation list for the consideration of the Council. Tara also mentioned that the County Council will formally approve the budgets on May 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><u>Monthly Status Report</u> (see handout)<br/> Tara reviewed the data for the Health Care for the Uninsured programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Montgomery Cares</b> has served 23,162 patients through April, with a total of 58,943 patient visits at the ten participating clinics. Year to date, the clinics have expended 87% of the FY18 budgeted amount for encounters. We are continuing to see an upward utilization trend and we are closely watching it.</li> <li>▪ <b>Care for Kids Program</b> has enrolled 985 new children from July through April 2018. The number of new enrollees is 37% lower than this time last year. The program is experiencing a new staff vacancy which contributes to delayed enrollment. Enrollment is expedited for any child that is sick or experiencing medical issues. DHHS is discussing a 2-year enrollment for CFK considering 90-95% of clients re-enroll every year.</li> <li>▪ <b>Maternity Partnership Program</b> enrollment through April was 1,331 women, a 9% decline in enrollment compared with the same time last fiscal year. Current utilization matches trends that we last saw in FY14 (1,356 as of Mar), that year we served 1,635 women. The program is projected to serve 1,600 – 1,630 women at FY18 end which will be the lowest number of women served in the programs since FY05.</li> <li>▪ <b>Dental Services</b> decreased the number of uninsured residents served by 4% year to date compared with FY17 (from 5,479 to 5,257). The current average waiting time to see a dental provider is 10 weeks. The interview process has begun for the Dental Director, DHHS is hoping to have someone in place by July 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>▪ <b>Homeless Health</b> program has served 90 uninsured patients and had a total of 208 patient visits Year to Date. Program partners are seeing an increasing number of uninsured individuals and are sending them to Montgomery Cares clinics. There has been an increase in undocumented homeless clients and a large number of street homeless.</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peter wanted to know if MDH would have data available on visa holder with access to Medicaid. Tara responded that it is likely they have that information but MDH has not share that data. Members went on to discuss residents in Temporary Protective Status specifically persons from Haiti, Honduras and El Salvador whose status will change in the 12-18 months. They could potentially seek care through the Health Care for the Uninsured programs in the future.</li> <li>▪ The Dental program presentation will be moved to the next MCAB Meeting in June</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
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Dental program will present

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| <p><b>4. Montgomery County – Status of Health report 2008-2016</b><br/>See Report and handout</p> <p>Steve introduced Dr. Chunfu Liu, Chief Epidemiologist with Montgomery County DHHS. Dr. Liu shared that the Health Report is the first for the County spanning 2008-2016. It is a centralized place to have exhaustive data on the health of the County population. The report compares national and state data, benchmarking with Healthy People 2020 where available. In most areas, the County is doing better than national and state statistics. Driven by this report, DHHS is working on supplemental reports like infectious disease and will include program data.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lynda questioned if the report had Medicaid data. Dr. Liu responded that he is in the process of getting it.</li> <li>▪ Peter asked if specific data not included in the report could potentially be made available by reaching out to Mr. Liu’s team. He also wanted to know if in the future, users would have the ability to query the data and generate their own reports. Dr. Liu stated that specific data request could be made to his team. Additionally, DHHS is working toward more of an interactive website where someone could query multiple data sets and tables to see the information in different ways.</li> <li>▪ Steve questioned if the goal of the report is to look at what’s actionable. Dr. Liu replied that it is somewhat. The data provides a baseline which we can look at it and establish a hypothesis. Steve also wanted to know if this report was exclusive to Maryland Counties. Dr. Liu stated that it was not.</li> <li>▪ Lynda suggested that for the June/July meeting, MCAB should think about what data would be helpful for the September planning meeting.</li> </ul> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Chunfu Liu</b></p>      | <p>Discuss data for the Sept planning mtg</p> | <p>MCAB</p> | <p>June/ July</p> |
| <p><b>5. Advocacy Workgroup Wrap-Up</b></p> <p>Steve asked MCAB members if they felt anything needed to change about the advocacy process. Members expressed that the current process is fine. The fiscal year budgetary realities impacted additions to the Health Care for the Uninsured programs; however, members recognize Council’s commitment to the population the programs serve.</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Steve Gammarino</b></p> |   |             |                   |
| <p><b>6. MCAB Strategic Planning</b></p> <p>The planning meeting will be held in September, Tara will send a doodle poll to members of date options. Members spoke on the uncertainty of the next FY with the election of a new Executive and Council members. Budget is likely to be an ongoing concern.</p> <p>Suggested discussion topics for the planning meeting included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chronically homeless - looking through the lens of social determinates of health</li> <li>▪ Services that can be shared among the clinics (providers, resources, etc.)</li> <li>▪ White paper on the Health Care for the Uninsured program – utilize to advise the new CE and Council members</li> <li>▪ Immunizations</li> </ul>  | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Steve Gammarino</b></p> |   |             |                   |

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|    | <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steve wanted clarification on the number of vacancies. Tara mentioned that there are currently 3 vacancies and 5 members positions eligible for renewal. She further explained that Health Officer and DHHS Behavioral Health positions are ex-officio. Members questioned if a designee could be identified for certain positions that are appointed such as the hospital representative. Tara will question the Executive's office to see if that change can be made to the charter.</li> <li>Peter expressed his concerns over the MCares eligibility guidelines that clients eligible for a QHP cannot enroll in Montgomery Cares. Agnes explained that the issue is not eligibility but rather affordability and how the clinics will feel the pressure to serve without reimbursement. Lynda would like for the language in the before and after agreements at the meeting.</li> </ul> | Discuss eligibility guidelines and need for advocacy | MCAB | 06/27/18 |
| 7. | <p><b>May Agenda &amp; Next Steps</b></p> <p>Steve mentioned eligibility requirements and the dental program are the 2 main items to be discussed at the June's meeting</p>  |  |      |          |
| 8. | <p><b>Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm</b></p> <p><i>Motion to adjourn: Lynda Honberg</i><br/> <i>Seconded: Agnes Saenz</i><br/> <i>Unanimously approved</i></p>  |  |      |          |

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Clemons  
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